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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SHEN TO TAIPEI FOR CONSULTATIONS

1. ROC AMBASSADOR JAMES SHEN HAS TOLD DEPT HE WILL BE RETURNING TO TAIPEI FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS CONSULTATIONS. SHEN PLANS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON DECEMBER 27, ARRIVE TAIPEI DECEMBER 31 AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON BEFORE INAUGURATION.

2. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, SHEN CAME TO DEPARTMENT FOR LARGELY NONSUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL AND BRIEF CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB. SHEN PROBED MILDLY FOR INDICATIONS OF WHAT MIGHT BE IN STORE FOR US-ROC RELATIONS DURING 1977, BUT WAS NOT GIVEN ANY SPECULATION ON THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S CHINA POLICIES. DETAILED MEMCON BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY.
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